

HOLIDAYS

The following holidays are official holidays observed by the city of Madison:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday
President's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Collection schedule changes due to holidays will be publicized in the newspaper prior to the holiday-please watch for these announcements.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Public Works Department..... 772-0000
Small Dead Animal Collection... 772-5600
Large Dead Animal Collection... 772-0000
City of Madison..... 772-5600
Hazardous Materials..... 882-0155

THE CITY OF MADISON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



SOLID WASTE GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

CITIZENS OF MADISON, ALABAMA

This leaflet explains **HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP YOU** in disposing of solid waste which accumulates each year in Madison. Our goal is to collect and dispose of this waste as efficiently as possible and at a minimum cost to you, the taxpayer. Therefore it should be noted that the information in this brochure pertains to those items which are not recycled but are collected by the Public Works Department for disposal. The following regulations are designed to provide you with more efficient service.

COLLECTION PRACTICES

TRASH: Tree limbs, Brush, Bulky waste, etc.

All waste must be placed at the curbside or along the edge of the roadway by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Due to the increase in the amount of trash being placed out for collection during peak times, collections may be delayed. In this event, crews will remain in the area until collections are completed.

All waste must be placed out for collection in such a manner not to obstruct the flow of surface water or be an obstruction to traffic or pedestrians.

Shrubby clippings and other small miscellaneous vegetation must be placed in neat piles for collection.

Tree limbs must be cut in lengths not exceeding ten (10) feet with protruding branches trimmed and placed in a neat pile.

White goods (i.e. refrigerators, washers, dryers, water heaters, etc...) may be placed out for collection for pick up at curb side on your trash day. **It is unlawful to place out for collection, any icebox, refrigerator or**

other container of any kind large enough to enclose a human being that has a snap lock or other similar device. These items must first have snap locks, locking devices or doors removed and/or provide a device that will allow doors to be operated from the inside.

NOTE: Do not place yard waste, white goods, etc. beneath or next to power lines, low hanging branches, mailboxes, traffic signs, etc.

LEAVES: Leaves and Grass Clippings

Leaves and grass clippings must be containerized for collection all year in disposable containers.

NOTE: If commercial workmen, professional lawn services, grounds keepers, etc., are used they should dispose of waste they generate and should not place this out for city collection.

NOTE: Containerizing material in disposable containers will allow collections to be made more promptly.

NOTE: Recycling is a good alternative to disposing of your leaves and other yard waste.

NOTE: No pickups on vacant lots.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Compost your leaves/grass clippings. Compost makes an excellent soil builder for gardens, etc...
2. Shred your leaves. Just run your lawnmower over the leaves three or four times and let the shreds enrich your soil.
3. Rototill your leaves/grass clippings into your garden pot.
4. Mulch around your shrubs. A layer of unshredded leaves two to four inches thick makes a good winter protection.

Regular collection service will not be provided for refuse accumulated under the following conditions:

1. Material resulting from construction, demolition or renovation of buildings.

2. Tree limbs and trimmings resulting from land clearing or tree service contractors or other commercial workmen.
3. Rocks, dirt and other debris resulting from landscaping or construction.

Standard pickup per household per week is 5 cubic yards, for excessive amounts contact the Public Works Department at 772-0000.

Cardboard boxes must be completely **emptied** and **flattened**. All packing material, paper, styrofoam, etc. must be put in your green container. Cardboard boxes will be picked up on your regular trash day.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Public Works Department does not provide collection for "hazardous materials". This is any substance or material which poses an unreasonable risk to safety, health, property or the environment.

Examples of such materials are:

- a. Liquid waste (gas, oil, paint, propane containers, etc.) All small tools and equipment must be **empty of gas and oil**.
- b. Pathological waste
- c. Batteries
- d. Dead animals and animal waste

Other materials **not picked up** by the Public Works Department: TV's, computer parts, microwaves and gas tanks.

Metal items may be placed at curb side with trash for disposal on your trash day. **Glass items and tires** picked up **only** on a call in basis.